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Applicant(s): Casas-Bejar et al      Docket: P7109  
Serial No.: 09/063,227      Group Art: 3762  
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Title: MEDICAL ELECTRICAL LEADS AND INDWELLING CATHETERS  
WITH ENHANCED BIOCOMPATIBILITY AND BIOSTABILITY

Honorable Commissioner  
For Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed November 12, 1999. Please amend the above application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 2, please delete lines 23-27.

Please delete pages 3 and 4 in their entireties.

Please delete all material on page 5 prior to line 11 in its entirety.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 20-23 and 25 in their entireties.

Please amend claims 13, 27, 29, 33 and 34 as follows:

13. (Amended) An indwelling catheter comprising:

an elongate body having a proximal end, a distal end, a tissue-contacting surface, and at least one interior lumen therethrough; and

an external fitting coupled to the proximal end;

wherein the tissue-contacting surface of the elongate body comprises an overcoating of a non-porous polymer in [intimate contact with] which a steroidal anti-inflammatory agent is incorporated.

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